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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Please cancel claims 1-26.

1. (Canceled)
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25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

The following claims are currently pending:

27. (previously presented) An elastomeric article having a color-contrast indicator layer, the article comprises: a first layer of a polymeric material; a second layer of a second polymeric material formed adjacent to and in direct contact over said first layer, wherein said second layer produces an observable visual contrast to said first layer, detectable without rupture of either layer, and said visual contrast indicates to an observer either the presence of more than at least one layer, or distinguishes either a line or zone of demarcation within a film-based material.
28. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said second layer is adapted to either a) improve tensile or puncture strength, or chemical resistance of said article, or b) function as a donning layer.
29. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said observable contrast between said first and second layers has a ΔE^* value of greater than 3.
30. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said observable contrast is based on color contrast between said layers.
31. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said observable contrast is generated according to at least one of the following combinations of layers overlapping and adjacent to one another: two distinctively different colored layers; two similarly colored layers, but for differing color hues, tints, saturation or values; a colored and a colorless layer; and an opaque colored layer and a translucent layer.
32. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said observable contrast is evident by comparing an inside and an outside surface of said article.
33. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said second layer overlaps at least part of said first layer to create an observable contrast.
34. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said second layer overlaps completely said first layer.
35. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said article further comprises at least an additional layer adjacent and in direct contact with said second layer.
36. (previously presented) The article according to claim 35, wherein said additional layer comprises a clear or translucent polymeric film layer.
37. (previously presented) The article according to claim 35, wherein said additional layer forms a coating of observable contrast to said second layer.
38. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said article is either a glove or a condom.

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39. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said first and second layers, respectively, are each a polymeric film.
40. (previously presented) The article according to claim 27, wherein said first layer includes a polyvinyl chloride film, and said second layer includes a polyurethane film.
41. (previously presented) A glove having an indication mechanism for conveying to a wearer the presence of multiple layers of protection, said glove comprising a first layer of a polymeric film material; a second layer of a second polymeric film material that at least partially overlaps and is adhered directly adjacent to said first layer, wherein said first and said second layers generate an observable visual contrast relative to each other, without breach, that indicates to an observer either the presence of more than one layer, or distinguishes either a line or zone of demarcation within a film-based material.
42. (previously presented) The glove according to claim 41, wherein said second layer is adapted to either a) improve tensile or puncture strength, or chemical resistance of said article, or b) function as a donning layer.
43. (previously presented) The glove according to claim 41, wherein said observable contrast between said first and second layers has a ΔE^* value of greater than 3.
44. (previously presented) The glove according to claim 41, wherein said indication contrast is observable without rupture of either said first or second layer.
45. (previously presented) The glove according to claim 41, wherein said second layer at least partially overlaps said first layer.
46. (previously presented) The glove according to claim 41, wherein said article further includes at least an additional polymeric layer adjacent and sealed to said second layer.

The following claims are withdrawn:

47. (withdrawn) A method for providing a user of an elastomeric article with a signal or indication of multiple layers of protection, the method includes: providing an article having a first layer of a polymeric film material; a second layer of a second polymeric film material formed adjacent to and sealed to said first layer, wherein said second layer constitutes an observable visual contrast to said first layer, and said visual contrast indicates to an observer either the presence of more than one layer, or distinguishes either a line or zone of demarcation within a film-based material.
48. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 47, further comprises providing instruction to a user to observe said indication.
49. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 47, wherein said contrast between said first and second layers is observable either before donning, upon donning, or after donning of said article.